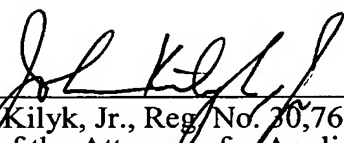


REMARKS

The subject patent application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/654,768 and pursues those claims cancelled in the parent application in response to the restriction requirement therein. Accordingly, claims 8-16 and 18-20 have been canceled, and claims 1-7 and 17 remain pending in the subject patent application. No new matter has been added by way of the claim amendments. The precise changes to the claims, as well as the text of the pending claims as amended, are set forth on separate attachments hereto.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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